Oku language

Oku (Ebkuo, Ekpwo, Ukfwo, Bvukoo, Kuɔ) is a Grassfields Bantu language of Cameroon.

Contents

Oku	
Kuɔ	
Native to	Cameroon
Native speakers	87,000 (from the 2005 census)[1]

Language family	Niger–Congo
	
	• Atlantic–Congo
	  • Benue–Congo
	   • Southern Bantoid
	    • Grassfields
	     • Ring
	      • Center
	       • **Oku**

Language codes	
ISO 639-3	oku
Glottolog	okuu1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/okuu1243)[2]

Phonology

Consonants

Oku has 21 consonant phonemes.[3] The consonant phoneme inventory of the language is shown below.[3]

	Bilabial	Labiodental	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar
Stop	b		t d		k kw g gw
Fricative		f	s		ɣ ɣw
Affricate				tʃ dʒ	
Nasal	m m̥		n N		ŋ
Lateral			l		
Glide				y	w

Orthography

The Oku alphabet has 25 letters.[4]

a	b	ch	d	dz	e	ɛ	ə	f	g	gh	i	j	k	l	m	n	ŋ	o	p	s	t	w	y	z

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External links

- Oku Verb Morphology: Tense Aspect and Mood (http://pubman.mpdl.mpg.de/pubman/item/escidoc:403557/component/escidoc:403556/oku_nforbi1993_o.pdf) Information about the structure of the Oku language
- Oku - English Provisional Lexicon (http://silcam.org/documents/OkuProvisionalLexicon.pdf) An alphabetical list of words in the Oku language